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September 1, 1942

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City Hall,
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V. Chr.

January 15, 1942.

Mrs. Ritchie moved that the Board accept the financial standard set for support of library and work toward its accomplishment as rapidly as possible and that a committee composed of Mr. Grier, Mrs. Wilkins, Mrs. McHatton and Mr. Mell devise ways and means of handling the problem effectively.

Mrs. Bailey seconded motion. Passed.

Mr. Grier suggested that the Board meet with the Mayor, City and County Finance Committees within the next week. The time to be announced later.

The secretary, Mrs. Gannon, tendered her resignation from the Board ; She expressed deep regret but said that illness in the home madetthis necessary.

Mr. Mell moved that Mrs. Wilkins appoint a new member to take Mrs. Gannon's place. Seconded. Passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nell Upshaw Gannon
Secretary

Marjorie Wilkins
Acting Chairman

Office of Athens Public Library,
Y. M. C. A. Building,
Athens, Georgia - Feb. 19, 1942

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met on the above date, at the office of the Library, at 10 A. M.

The members present were: Mrs. T. H. McHatton, Mrs. J. W. Bailey, T. S. Mell, B. M. Grier, and the Librarian, Miss Mary Berry. Absent: Mrs. H. B. Ritchie and Mrs. J. W. Wilkins, Jr.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Miss Berry submitted the annual report of the Regional Library and of the different units of the region. Since the report was rather full, complete, and covered the detailed operations of the Library, the members of the Board were asked to carry the report home and make a close study of it.

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Liabilities January 1, 1942.....	\$ 382.61	
Operation of Plant	300.00	
(Janitor, light, heat)		
Periodicals (Adult & Juvenile)....	100.00	
Equipment.....	75.00	
Story Hour.....	78.00	
Bookmobile operation.....	100.00	
Binding.....	25.00	
Books (Adult & Juvenile).....	2,519.39	
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*B. M. Smith
Acting Secretary -*

March 25, 1942

The Athens-Clark County Library Board met on the above date. Minutes were read and approved. All members answered to the roll call.

Mr. Grier reported on Committee concerning statutory law re: county representation according to pamphlet issued by the Georgia Library Commission.

Mrs McHatton made motion, Mrs Wilkins seconded and it was carried unanimously that board be 4-3 (City and County) Mr. Mell and Mr. Grier drew up regulations.

Mrs. Wilkins made motion, Mrs. McHatton seconded and it was carried unanimously that library be open on Sundays from 2 to 7 P.M. and on weekdays until 10 P.M.

Miss Berry reported that Woman's Club met Tuesday in Library for monthly meeting. Entre Nous and AAUW will meet next week.

Bailey moved that motion be reconsidered. Wilkins seconded. Unanimous. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John J. Wilkins, Jr.
Secretary Pro-Tem

August 13, 1942

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met Thursday Afternoon, August 13, 1942 at 4:00 P.M. at the Library. The following members were present: Mr. Greir, Mrs. Hailey, Mr. Mell, Mrs. Wilkins and Mrs. McHatton. Miss Dorothy Spence, State Library Supervisor, WPA and Miss Frances Wood, Area Library Supervisor, WPA were also present.

Mr. Mell moved with Mrs. Wilkins second that four be elected by the County Commissioners, making the Board membership nine. Motion was carried unanimously.

The matter of hiring a trained librarian was brought up by Miss Spence and Miss Wood. The following plan for paying this person was suggested:

State Department of Education.....	\$1120
Oconee County.....	300
Oglethorpe County.....	430
Clarke County.....	275
City Council (Athens).....	275
TOTAL.....	\$2400

The amount paid by the state would be paid monthly to the Clark County Board of Education and then paid to the librarian.

Mrs. Wilkins made a motion that the Library Board recommend to the city and county commissioners that \$550 be appropriated for the librarian's salary and travel expenses.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

December 1, 1942

The Board of Trustees met in the library at 10:30 Tuesday, Dec. 1, 1942. Those present were Mrs. Bailey, Mrs Wilkins, Mr. Mell and Mr. Grier.

Mrs. Wilkins read minutes and letter to Mayor McWhorter recommending financial appropriation for new librarian for \$275.00, and reads as follows:

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Miss Ward submitted splendid detailed financial report and the circulation ~~XXXXXX~~ report through November.

Mr. Mell moved repeal resolution to two members. Mrs. Wilkins seconded. Unanimous.

Mrs. Wilkins nominated Mr. Oldham, Mrs. Bailey seconded and motion was carried unanimously.

A list is to be gotten from Dr. Hammett and add one other name to Mr Oldham.

It was decided to have a Regional Board Meeting the 2nd Wednesday in January.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. HARRIS

Dear Mayor Williams:

I am writing to you regarding the proposed new library building for the City of Atlanta. The Board of Trustees of the Atlanta-Fulton County Recreation Authority has approved the plan for a new library building to be located on the site of the old library building. The new building is to be a modern, two-story structure with a large auditorium and a reading room. The estimated cost of the building is \$1,000,000. The Board of Trustees has recommended that the City of Atlanta should contribute \$500,000 to the cost of the building. The remaining \$500,000 is to be contributed by the Atlanta-Fulton County Recreation Authority. The Board of Trustees has also recommended that the City of Atlanta should contribute \$100,000 to the cost of the new library building. The remaining \$400,000 is to be contributed by the Atlanta-Fulton County Recreation Authority. The Board of Trustees has also recommended that the City of Atlanta should contribute \$100,000 to the cost of the new library building. The remaining \$400,000 is to be contributed by the Atlanta-Fulton County Recreation Authority.

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WILLIAM H. HARRIS
Mayor, City of Atlanta
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FINANCIAL REPORTReceipts (July 1 - November 30, 1942)

Balance on hand -----	\$ 224.80
Fines -----	94.51
Clarke County -----	875.00
City of Athens -----	880.00
State Dept. of Education -----	93.33
(Reimbursement for library director's salary)	

\$ 1947.64

Expenditures (July 1 - November 30, 1942)

NOTE: November bills not paid until December 10
 Clarke's share of Nov. bills will be at least \$300.00

Books -----	\$ 396.11	
Periodicals -----	17.30	
YMCA (heat and light) -----	86.60	
Library director's salary -----	91.66	(Clarke's share)
	186.66	(Advanced until
Supplies -----	107.19	reimbursed by
Janitor -----	44.00	St. Dept of Ed.)
Other expense -----	31.45	
(Postage, express, auto stamp, Story Hour, telephone, incidentals)		

	\$ 990.97
Balance on hand, Nov. 12	956.67

\$ 1947.64

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CIRCULATION REPORT

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January - November, 1942:

	Adult		Juvenile		Mage-	Pamph-	TOTAL
	Fiction	Non-fiction	Fiction	Non-fiction	sines	lets	
Athens	22,768	4163	11,578	1630	1197	215	40,951
Dunbar	309	178	407	160	28	10	1092
Bookmobile							
Communities	4933	423	2947	855	--	--	9,058
Schools	1675	404	6584	2127	--	--	10,860
Total bookmobile	6608	827	9431	3053	--	--	19,918
Totals, Clarke County	29,685	5,168	21,416	4242	1225	325	61,961

November, 1942:

Athens	1475	412	944	124	42	25	3,058
Dunbar	94	90	191	50	12	10	456
Bookmobile	298	38	522	157	52	4	1,071
Totals, Clarke County	1867	540	1657	340	106	39	4,585